GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON IMPORT OF CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to put restrictions for the import of rubber and cardamom;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the countries from where the above commodities are being imported through Cochin or other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. Elangovan)

(a) & (b) No, Sir; imports are regulated through tariffs. Cardamom has a basic customs duty of 70% while the basic custom duty on natural rubber ranges from 20 to 70%.

(c) Name of the countries from which the cardamom and rubber are imported is available in the publication entitled `Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol-II (Imports) brought out by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.